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Adult Correctional Institutions — Correctional Institution for Women at Mitchellville

Iowa Correctional Institution for Women (ICIW)

The ICIW is a minimum/medium security prison. ICIW houses offenders in its dorm-like living units and celled housing. There are 888 beds at ICIW distributed as follows: 774 general population, 56 administrative segregation and disciplinary detention, and 58 medical and mental health beds. ICIW provides educational and vocational services to offenders including adult basic education, special education for eligible individuals, and high school equivalency programs. The ICIW receives annual funding from a General Fund appropriation in the Justice System Appropriations Bill.

Purpose

The adult correctional institutions (also referred to as State prisons) are responsible for incarcerating offenders sentenced to the custody and control of the Department of Corrections (DOC). These offenders are generally more violent or of higher risk compared to offenders supervised in Community-Based Corrections (CBC). The institutions provide offenders with essential services to reduce risk to the general public upon release due to parole, work release, or expiration of sentence.

Iowa Code chapter [901B](#) provides a continuum of sanctions for Iowa's correctional system. This includes sentencing options where offenders receive nonsupervised sanctions. The Iowa Code chapter provides various intermediate supervision levels by the CBC District Departments. See the ***Fiscal Topic Community-Based Corrections Residential Facilities*** for a discussion of the services provided at the local level. The institutions provide the most severe level of sanction and incarcerate violent offenders and offenders who cannot be safely managed in community settings. About 20.0% of offenders in the State corrections system are incarcerated in the State prisons, while approximately 80.0% are supervised by the CBC District Departments.

Administration

Iowa Code chapter [904](#) creates the DOC and lists each of the nine institutions. It also creates a policymaking Board of Corrections that provides oversight of the DOC rules, policies, and procedures; approves the operating and capital budgets; and makes recommendations to the Governor concerning qualified candidates for the position of the Director of the Department.

The DOC Central Office has direct authority over the institutions, including personnel, staff training, the purchase or sale of real estate, investigations, confidentiality of records, offender supervision and work, the prison farms, and Iowa State Industries (also referred to as Iowa Prison Industries). The Central Office is also responsible for statewide and long-range planning, budget oversight, and establishment of program guidelines in the institutions.

More Information

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Institutions

The operating costs of the institutions are 99.9% funded from the State General Fund. See the ***Fiscal Topic [Iowa Prison System Funding, Staffing, and Population](#)*** for historical budget information. Each of the nine institutions provides security; housing; dietary services; medical, mental health, and substance abuse treatment; education and job skills training; behavioral and psychological treatment; and recreational activities. See the ***Fiscal Topic [Offender Management in the Iowa Prison System](#)*** for information regarding custody classification, the Transition Incentive Program, and offender population by crime type. Additionally, each prison has a primary focus.

Additional Information

Refer to the Legislative Services Agency's ***[Iowa Factbook](#)*** for data and statistics regarding Iowa's corrections system.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [901](#), [901A](#), [901B](#), [903A](#), [904](#), [905](#), [906](#), [908](#), [909](#), [910](#), [913](#), [914](#), and [915](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [201](#)

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